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From the President

It is the end of another year, and this one rushed up and caught us unprepared. So much so that I am sure we were short-changed a month!

The last few months have been a very busy time for all those in ALARA. So, let us recap.

We held the 2012 Sydney Conference in September, with 77 people attending. There were two days of sessions, discussions, panels and involvement, plus four workshops. Most attendees seemed pleased with the event, although, as usual, there were lessons we learned. I will provide a summary of the event early next year.

We produced the first issue of the Volume 18 of the ALAR Journal in June, and arranged for the hardcopy in August / September. This was the last hard copy of the Journal that ALARA will send to all members. Most members received their copy, but several did not, as the labels used by the distributor came off the envelopes! We have now distributed copies to all members (if you do not receive your copy, please contact Robyn at secretary@alara.net.au).

Phil Crane is producing Issue 2 of Vol. 18 of the Journal, using papers from the Conference. He also already has several papers for Issue 1 of Vol. 19.

The Journal is now available as a print-on-demand publication via Sydney University Press

(www.sup.com.au), and we will progressively make past issues available via that website.

The ALAR Journal is now on EBSCO and Informit search databases (see <http://search.informit.com.au/browseJournalTitle.res=IELHSS;issn=1326-964X> for the Informit listing).

The World Congress Proceedings is nearing completion. It is about 230 pages with more than 20 papers. We hope to have that publication ready around February / March.

ALARA uses a website for the on-line registrations for its Conference. This year, we extended that approach to utilise the membership system from the same organisation. This process has been only partially successful, and the Management Committee will be reviewing this arrangement in the New Year.

The New Year will also see the Management Committee gather (at least most of its members) for a strategic review and planning day. We are concerned about the reduction in membership, and the ever-increasing amount of time required producing the range of services ALARA offers to members. I will advise you in our first Newsletter next year on the outcome of the Committee's deliberations.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Colin Bradley
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Publications

Journal

If you wish to submit a paper for the Journal, please contact Phil Crane via Robyn (at secretary@alara.net.au) or via editor@alara.net.au).

2010 World Congress publication

The publication contains 22 peer-reviewed articles. It departs from the Congress themes and be based on a more integrated approach to AR and AL.

We thank the authors and reviewers for your great contributions and patience.

We plan to offer the Proceedings at a heavily discounted price for ALARA members for a short time once launched. Stay tune for more details!

Susan Goff
Managing Editor

Monograph

Eileen Piggot-Irvine is working on two Monographs, which will be available next year.



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History of ALARA

I am still chasing any material that will help me compile the history of ALARA through the documents and publications it produced.

Can You Help?

Examples of the gaps include:

- Annual Reports (presented to AGMs or distributed to members)

- Annual statutory reports to the Queensland Department of Fair Trading (and its predecessors)
- Annual Auditors reports
- Publications, such as newsletters
- Journals from Issue 11 to 16
- Conference and World Congress Proceedings publications – I am missing much of the history, promotional material and presented papers / Proceedings from the 15 Conferences and eight World Congresses
- Promotional material for the Conferences and World Congresses, as well as any other event
- Lists of the Management Committees
- Minutes of meetings of the Management Committees

I can arrange transportation if required. If any item is your personal copy, we can discuss how I can gain a copy (e.g., by scanning).

Please contact me if you discover anything that might be useful, even if you believe I probably already have the item.

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Would you like to contribute to ALARA, but you are not sure how?

ALARA is an organisation that runs almost entirely on the input and efforts of its member volunteers.

If you would like to help out, we will welcome your assistance. Many activities are not time-critical. You could do any of these activities over the next few months, when you have time to do them.

Other activities require effort at specific times of the year. If you know you will have some time at designated periods during the year, please contact us to see if you can help with making ALARA achieve its outcomes for members.

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Best wishes for the Festive Season

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